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USDOC FOR 3132 FOR FCS/OIO REGIONAL DIRECTOR PATRICK SANTILLO
BICE FOR OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS

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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: PRE LICENSE CHECK: INTERTEK TESTING SERVICES
HONG KONG

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¶11. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.

¶12. At the direction of the Office of Enforcement Analysis (OEA) of the USDOC Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Export Control Officer Philip Ankel (ECO) conducted a pre-license check (PLC) at Intertek Testing Services Hong Kong, 6/F, Garment Centre, 576 Castle Peak road, Hong Kong (Intertek). The item in question is an Agilent 7500cx ICP-MS. This item is classified under export control classification number (ECCN) 3A233 and is controlled for nuclear nonproliferation (NP) reasons. The license applicant is Agilent.

¶13. Intertek provides various testing services on a worldwide basis in a range of fields including textiles, toys, electronics and others. Intertek has a global network of over 1000 laboratories in 110 countries throughout the world. The Hong Kong offices of Intertek at the Garment Centre comprise at least eight floors of the large building. More information can be found at www.intertek.com.

¶14. On January 22, 2009, ECO visited the Intertek and met with Mr. Marco Chan, Manager, Chemical Laboratory, Consumer Goods. He confirmed that Intertek had ordered the item in question from Agilent's Hong Kong distributor, Tegent Technology. The new item is being purchased to augment an existing testing unit to increase capacity. This section of Intertek tests various toy, food and textile samples from clients for heavy metals. Mr. Chan was open and cooperative and provided purchase order and other documentation confirming the purchase.

¶15. Based on the information noted above, ECO believes that Intertek is a suitable recipient of U.S. origin controlled technology.